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This was the first U.S. helicopter crash since May, which killed 8 soldiers | **Page 6**

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The state EPA has named the landfill in northeast Ohio a top priority | **Page 5**

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Junior, Architecture

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TODAY
Rain/Snow
High: 35, Low: 20



TOMORROW
Partly Cloudy
High: 36, Low: 29

Taking a stand for fallen soldiers

BG Democrats line up in memorial, in opposition to the war

By **Theresa Scott**
Reporter

Signs of protest lined the walkway between the Union and Education building yesterday afternoon as a small group of people voiced opposition to the war.

Members of the College Democrats stood behind the four-foot high boards, which were filled with the names of the 3,128 American soldiers who

have been killed in combat since the beginning of the war four years ago.

The group organized the silent protest to raise awareness and ask for an end to the United States' occupation of Iraq.

The protest took place just one month after President Bush's call for a 21,000-troop increase in Iraq and is similar to recent protests at college campuses across the country.

As visitors and students

passed the display, members of the group passed out literature and explained the display to those who lingered.

"These are the names of all of the fallen troops," member Ronald Collier explained as he pointed out the name of a childhood friend who was killed in Iraq. "When you see all of the names it really shows how devastating the effects of war are and how it is affecting our country."

The timing of the protest was no accident; this is the organization's second annual President's Day protest.

"Today is the best day to protest," Collier said. "The more people see it the more they'll know that — yes people do care."

Most students and guests passed by the display quickly, headed off to the Union or on a campus tour but some stayed and read the names and talk

with protesters.

Rick Strong, a guest visiting the University for the President's Day open house yesterday, was impressed with the protest.

"There is a need for it, I mean nobody really knows why we are there, and it does not seem right," he said. "It is good that some people care about things outside their world."

The turnout at the protest was

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Elevator safety is a must

By **Kristen Zenz**
Reporter

By taking the stairs on campus students are not only saving themselves from becoming inconveniently stuck in elevators they are also benefiting themselves physically.

The safety of elevators has endured questioning ever since an Ohio State University student was pinned between the top of the elevator door and the third floor lobby floor in late October 2006.

Luckily, BGSU has not experienced any fatal elevator malfunctions, but they are still a common annoyance that occurs frequently on campus.

Angie Bennett, sophomore, has been stuck eight times in the elevators located at the ends of Founders. She said there were no signs posted on the doors declaring the elevator out of order.

Just recently, Angie missed the first quarter of the Super Bowl because she was trapped in a Founder's elevator for 20 minutes. She also received a parking ticket after failing to move her car because she took an elevator that became stuck.

Additionally, Andrew Yunker, senior, has gotten stuck in an elevator on campus. However, after pushing the help button several times, his entrapment in an elevator located in University Hall only lasted two minutes.

Terri Sharp, director of Media Relations, stated that, "All elevators on campus are inspected by the Ohio Department of Commerce

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New Jersey offers civil unions

By **Geoff Mulvihill**
The Associated Press

TEANECK, N.J. — Shortly after midnight, Steven Goldstein and Daniel Gross renewed their vows as New Jersey became the third state in the nation to offer civil unions for gay couples.

The law that took effect yesterday was "a big giant step forward," said state Sen. Loretta Weinberg, a prime sponsor of the civil unions law, who hosted ceremonies in her office for couples including Goldstein and Gross.

The civil unions, which offer the legal benefits but not the title of marriage,

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Weight watch



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY RACHEL GREENFIELD | THE BG NEWS

REGULATION

In the United States, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has regulatory responsibility for dietary supplements. Under the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, the dietary supplement manufacturer is responsible for ensuring that a dietary supplement is safe.

For more information, contact the FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition at 1-888-723-3366.

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Diet drugs are available in several different forms:

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HERBAL SUPPLEMENTS:

Available without a prescription, often labeled "all natural" and are considered by the FDA to be food products as opposed to drugs. Herbal supplements also are not regulated by the FDA.

Students taking diet pills should use caution

By **Kristen Schweitzer**
Reporter

Spring break is just around the corner, and for many college students that means putting on a bathing suit and going to the beach, but students who feel the need to lose a little weight before sporting a swimming suit need to exercise caution.

Many people in today's society look for quick ways to fix problems, even if it includes some extra luggage around the waist.

"People think they can get quick results. They think that pills can fix anything, and it doesn't work that way with a diet," said Jane Crandall, nutrition counselor at the University Wellness Connection.

Diet pills of all shapes and promises have been springing up in stores full-fledge in the last couple of years. Many of these pills feature ads with beautiful, skinny people who swore they lost upwards of 50 pounds by taking a pill.

Many of these pills feature labeling that warns they have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration.

"If it's an over-the-counter medication, it will be FDA regulated. If it's over-the-counter herbal, it's not regulated," said Glenn Egelman, director and physician in chief at the University health center.

These herbal treatments, however, can still come with side effects.

Stacker's latest fat burning formula, Stacker 3 XPLC, lists a lengthy warning label on the side of the box.

"Consult a physician or licensed qualified health care professional before using this product if you have, are at risk for, or have a family history of stroke, heart disease, thyroid disease, liver disease, kidney disease, ulcers, diabetes, high blood pressure, caffeine sensitivity, recurrent headaches, anxiety, depression or other

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Catholic week spreads word to campus

By **Kristin McKissic**
Reporter

Saint Thomas More University Parish is sponsoring Catholic Identity Week in order to carry out the commands of their God.

Catholic Identity Week is taking place Feb. 18-25.

Josh Moeck, junior and Catholic Newman Club member, said Catholic Identity Week is "a week where we say 'we're proud to be Catholic.'"

The purpose and goal of this week is to make the message of the Catholic religion more visible and accessible on campus at the University.

The Second Vatican Council states, "[the Church] has been sent by Christ to reveal and communicate the love of God."

Of this week, Ash Wednesday is the most interesting for not only Catholics, but for the entire University.

Ash Wednesday makes the beginning of Lent, a holy season that lasts 40 days excluding Sundays.

On this day Catholics receive a cross of ashes on their forehead from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

"You will be able to tell who the Catholics are on campus because Father Mike will put a cross of ashes on their foreheads," said Catholic Newman Club member Amanda Tucker.

She is an active member of this organization even though she is not yet a confirmed Catholic.

"Catholic Identity Week is basically an opportunity for the Catholic students of BG to come together and show

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Long lost college ring recovered

SOUTH EUCLID, Ohio (AP) — A college ring lost more than 20 years ago by a former undercover officer for the CIA has been found in an underwater cave off the coast of Africa.

Steve Ruic, a writer on staff at Notre Dame College in this Cleveland suburb, received an e-mail about two weeks ago from a professional diver from Germany.

Wilfried Thiesen wrote that he had found a class ring bearing the college's name while diving on "Mauritius Island." Mauritius is off the coast of South Africa, east of Madagascar.

The ring, which has a blue stone, was engraved with the

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BLOTTER SATURDAY

12:25 A.M.
Rowland Sledge was cited for criminal trespassing, resisting arrest, assault on a police officer and underage under the influence at the Union.

1:03 A.M.
An ambulance was requested to Mac North to aid a student with alcohol poisoning.

1:09 A.M.
Douglas J. Lukach was cited for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and for head lights required at night at the intersection of Wooster and Williams streets.

4:32 A.M.
A student reported that someone stole her cell phone, iPod and car keys from her dorm room in Bromfield.

3:37 P.M.
A student reported that several males on the 4th floor of Mac West were harassing females and reportedly trying to solicit sex. The men were not believed to be BG students.

SUNDAY

3:32 P.M.
Vehicle parked on Fairview Avenue reported damaged overnight, causing \$500 in damage to the passenger side front quarter panel.

6:04 P.M.
Man reported to have threatened a nurse at Wood County Hospital on West Wooster Street.

8:06 P.M.
Vehicle reported to have crashed in the front yard of the Juvenile Detention Center on East Gypsy Lane, taking out a fire hydrant. The driver was cited for failure to maintain reasonable control.

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year '76, but part of its band was "ruptured and torn out," Thiesen wrote.

The ring was missing the thin portion on the underside of the finger that ordinarily carries its owner's name.

Ruic publicized the discovery in both an e-mail to staff of the Roman Catholic, liberal-arts college and an electronic newsletter to alumni, but no one came forward to claim the ring.

Its owner was revealed a short time later.

While interviewing a member of the class of 1976 for an unrelated alumni magazine story, Ruic asked Dr. Maryellen Amato Stratmann of Springfield, Mo., if she'd ever been to Mauritius.

"I couldn't believe it," Ruic said. "She said, 'No, but Clare Cavoli Lopez has.'"

Lopez, a 1976 Notre Dame College graduate and former CIA undercover officer, was stationed at Port Louis, Mauritius, from 1983 to 1985.

"I enjoyed water sports," said Lopez, 53, now a consultant in Woodbridge, Va., who serves on the advisory board of Notre Dame's intelligence research and analysis degree program, which is geared toward educating future CIA agents.

She said she remembers "foolishly wearing my beautiful Notre Dame ring" during a dive in the Indian Ocean in which the ring slipped off her finger.

"I was so upset," said Lopez, who grew up in Cleveland. "There was no way it was going to be found."

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two times annually."

"Elevators were just inspected in December and will be checked again in late June early July," Sharp said.

The University also has an individual on call to eliminate elevator malfunctions as quickly as possible along with a service contract with Thyssen Krupp, Sharp said.

Nonetheless, taking the stairs as opposed to the elevator is a healthier option anyway, suggests Kristen Spencer, physical therapist at ProMedica Health Systems.

"Taking the stairs burns more calories per minute than most other forms of physical activity," Spencer said. "The average man will use about 150 calories in 10 minutes of stair climbing."

Benefits of taking the stairs include strengthening and toning leg muscles, burning calories and improving cardiovascular function, Spencer continued.

"I only use the elevator when I am in a big hurry now," said Bennett.

If students find themselves stuck in an elevator on campus, they should push the help button located inside the elevator car, Bennett said, by doing this a call is dispatched to maintenance or police who will come fix the problem.

In addition, students can call 419-372-7647, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. or 419-372-2346 after hours to report elevator malfunctions.

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low; at 11:30 a.m. only about five members were in attendance staggered across the display. Collier said that he was a little disappointed by amount of students who do not seem to care about the war.

"Many people just don't know what is going on, they only pay attention to the headlines," Collier said. "It seems like a lot of people are just more interested in hanging out with friends."

The scene outside the Union was a far cry from the images of violent angry protests seen during the Vietnam War. Members stood quietly and respectfully behind the signs passing out literature to those who passed and ready to answer any questions.

Alison Kukla, president of College Democrats, said a silent protest gets more people interested as opposed to a large group of



JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION: Prospective students, parents and students walk past a war protest held by the College Democrats in front of the Union.

people yelling.

"It just helps to get awareness out," Kukla said.

Most students were supportive of the protest, even if they did not agree with the purpose.

The main purpose of yesterday's protest was to raise awareness among students and guests and

to provoke open discussion of the Iraq War between students.

"The more you protest the more you change," Collier said. "It takes time, you don't change the world overnight but if people don't show the administration our disapproval I fear that things will just get worse."

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psychiatric conditions, glaucoma, difficulty urinating, prostate enlargement, seizure disorder, or if you are using any other dietary supplement, or a monoamine oxidase inhibitor, prescription drug or over-the-counter drug containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine," according to the Stacker 3 XPLC box label.

This is not all the box warns against. There are even more possible reactions if a person consumes a large amount of caffeine in addition to the 200 milligrams in each pill, including loss of muscle function, according to the Stacker 3 XPLC box.

"[Diet pills] are stimulants. They can raise blood pressure, create jitteriness and anxiety," Egelman said.

Another problem with diet pills is that most of them are fairly new formulas; therefore, no long-term studies have been conducted to prove if there are other potential dangers associated with long-term use.

"Only time will tell. Anytime you're taking any drug there are potential side affects. Sometimes we know about them, and sometimes they show up later," Egelman said.

These non-regulated pills,

however, may soon be phased out.

Just recently, on Feb. 7, a previously prescription-only drug became the first over-the-counter weight-loss pill to be approved by the FDA, according to the FDA Web site.

"Orlistat was initially approved in 1999 as a prescription drug to treat obesity," according to the Web site, but now the drug will be available in lower doses for people without a prescription.

Alli, the name of the non-prescription Orlistat, still will not be the quick fix people are looking for.

The pill is still intended to be used along with a reduced-calorie, low-fat diet and exercise program, according to the FDA. "There's not one miracle food or pill out there that's going to make it happen. You have to balance it out between exercise and healthy eating," Crandall said.

Crandall also said food is meant to be enjoyed and that anyone can eat what they enjoy, as long as it is in moderation.

"Portion sizes are very important to keep in mind. You have to use common sense," Crandall said.

Students who are looking for lasting weight loss with minimal health hazards can make an appointment with Crandall at the Wellness Connection.

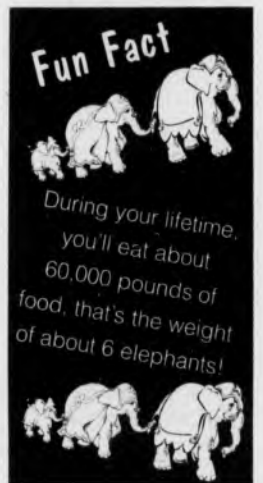
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our pride and our love of our faith," Tucker said.

The purpose of Lent is to show sacrifice of something relevant and important in an individual's life to demonstrate the appreciation of Christ going 40 days without food and water and the sacrifice of his life.

The Catholic students, faculty and staff of BG will take part in the activities this week to raise awareness on campus.



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were granted automatically to the hundreds of gay New Jersey couples who had previously been joined in civil unions or married in other states or nations.

For Goldstein and Gross, that meant reaffirming their Vermont civil union. They would have had the rights in New Jersey even without holding the midnight ceremony.

Their civil union license — No. 1 — was completed at 12:09 a.m. yesterday by Teaneck registrar Laura Turnbull.

Elsewhere across the state, a handful of town halls opened at 12:01 a.m. to accept license applications from couples who had not been joined previously.

They must wait 72 hours before they can hold civil union ceremonies — just like with weddings — and several planned to exchange vows early Thursday.

By midday yesterday, at least 16 couples registered for a civil union license.



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LEGAL: Daniel Gross, left, holds up the Civil Union certificate with his partner.

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

HOLY MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

11:30 am
at the Student Union Multi Purpose Room

5:15 pm
at Olscamp 101

9:00 pm
at Saint Thomas More University Parish

9:30 pm
Night of Worship

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

2:00-5:00 pm
Go to confessions at Prout Chapel.

5:15 pm
Go to Holy Mass at Prout Chapel

7:30 pm
Creed On Campus' meeting on "Why Do Catholics Do That." In Olscamp 219.

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Noon
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some of the calendar of events is taken from events.bgsu.edu.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Annual Undergraduate Art and Design Exhibition
Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman Galleries

6 p.m.

How 2: Hip Hop Dance

Cost is \$5, wear sneakers and comfortable clothes

314 Union

7 - 8:30 p.m.

CareerStarz! Strategies that Earn Great Jobs

228 Union

7:30 p.m.

Spring Film Directors Series featuring the work of Andrei Tarkovsky

The film Solaris (Solyaris) is showing for free

Gish Film Theater, Hannah Hall

8 p.m.

Nine Planets and Counting

Multi-media event

Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences

8 - 10 p.m.

Pub Unplugged: Jeremy Culpepper
Union Pub

9 p.m.

College Democrats Meeting

215 Olscamp

9 - 10:15 p.m.

Vision (GLBT+) Weekly Meeting

107 Hanna Hall

CAMPUS BRIEFS

BG NEWS WIRE SOURCES

VISION's 'Married' date rescheduled

On February 20, VISION, the University's organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and supportive straight issues will be honoring National Freedom to Marry Day in the Union along with Delta Lambda Phi. From 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the groups will be at the Union tables "marrying" consenting couples of any sexual orientation. The event was originally scheduled for Valentine's Day, but due to snow days, it was rescheduled.



SHAWNDA HESS / BG NEWS

WINTER WELCOME: A group of prospective students take a tour of campus. Yesterday was one of the biggest days for tour guides because of the Presidents' Preview Day.

College can be affordable for re-adjusting veterans

By Megan Twohey
MCT

Jake Warner lashes out when his classmates at the University of Wisconsin-Madison protest the war.

Katie Nelson, a junior at UW-Milwaukee, gets confused by her financial aid.

Four years after enrolling at UW-Oshkosh, Todd Johnston still feels lonely; he misses having friends by his side 24 hours a day.

A slew of government benefits,

including a new Wisconsin G.I. Bill, is propelling record numbers of veterans into Wisconsin's colleges and universities.

Thousands of men and women — many back from tours in Iraq and Afghanistan — are seizing the chance for a free, or nearly free, education.

But even with the financial assistance, the transition to college can be difficult, as veterans such as Warner, Nelson and Johnston can attest.

"It's a lot," said David Pelis, a counselor at the Zablocki

Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Milwaukee who has worked with veterans at area colleges. "On top of their class schedules, they're dealing with readjustment issues that the average 21-year-old student doesn't have."

College has never been more affordable for veterans in Wisconsin. There are long-standing benefits, including the Montgomery G.I. Bill, the Wisconsin National Guard Tuition Grant and the Wisconsin Veterans Education Reimbursement Grant.

More assistance arrived in 2005 when the state Legislature passed the Wisconsin G.I. Bill. It has covered half the cost of tuition for veterans in the state's public colleges and universities. This year, it will expand to cover 100 percent of tuition.

The new benefit is significant because students don't have to wait to be reimbursed; the assistance is up front. Spouses and children of veterans also are eligible for the benefit if the veteran died or became disabled in the line of duty.

Program creates degree for homeland security specialists

By Jonathan Cribbs
MCT

On the second floor of a training building in Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort on a January night, security didn't come from the barrel of a gun or the buzz of a Taser.

It started with rote memorization of obscure capitals: Riga, Latvia, and Skopje, Macedonia, and Vaduz, Lichtenstein.

In Room 215, University of South Carolina Beaufort instructor Colin Pearce stood in front of his class and called out countries.

"Finland? Olympic Games? Nineteen-fifteen-two?" he asked.

"Helsinki?" one student blurted out.

"The Netherlands," Pearce said, moving on. "Sin City? Where you want to go if you want to commit sins?"

It was the beginning of

"Sin City? Where you want to go if you want to commit sins."

Colin Pearce | Instructor

Introduction to Security Studies, the first class in the university's new security program, a degree designed to capitalize on the surging demand for homeland security professionals in the country following Sept. 11 and Hurricane Katrina. The program is the first of its kind in South Carolina and one of few nationwide.

University officials said they hope demand for the program will flourish among the 6,000-plus military personnel at the air station and Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, many may be looking for work in the private sector.

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OPINION

"I tried to talk her out of it, but she said, 'No. I absolutely want it shaved off now.'" — Esther Tognozzi, owner of the California salon where Britney Spears shaved her own head on Friday, from Time.com

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Do you think celebrities have an impact on younger kids?



"It matters on the kid, but sports stars have a bigger impact."

JOEL ALLEN, Senior, Middle Childhood Education



"If their parents do a good job, then they don't."

KATIE LOWRIE, Senior, Athletic Training



"Yeah, because they are role models."

LIBBY HARRISON, Sophomore, Dietetics

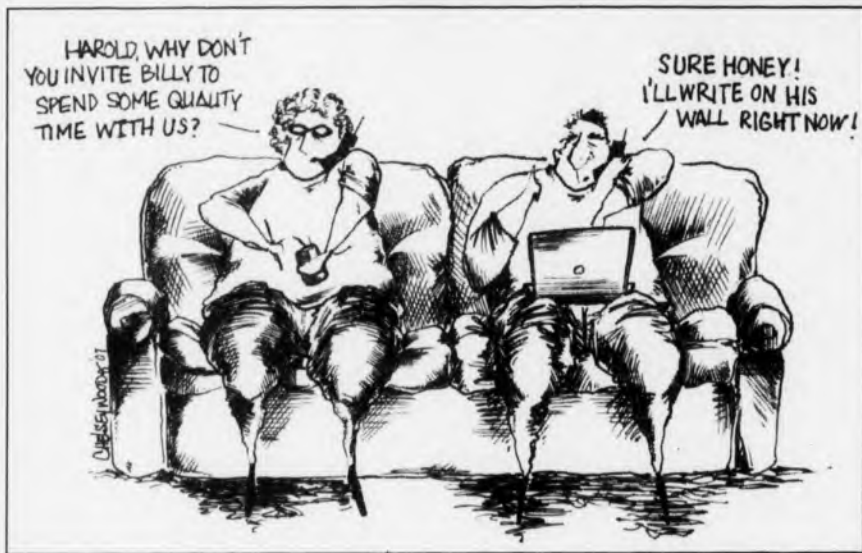


"Yes, because tomorrow, Britney Spears' fans will all have shaved heads."

JULIA DOUBRAYA, Sophomore, Intervention Specialist

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Celebrity actions have a major impact on younger children



LAUREN WALTER COLUMNIST

In the midst of headlines about U.S. troops in Iraq, Condoleezza Rice's efforts in Jerusalem and the release of an American engineer held captive in Nigeria, CNN's homepage also reported that Britney Spears shaved her head.

While this may be a novel story, it certainly does not have a significant impact on the world. It does not affect the masses. Or does it?

This is just one example of how celebrities are continually making headlines. However, sadly, for some, it is often for their out-of-control or indecent behavior.

This story, although seemingly lacking in newsworthiness, can actually have a very significant impact on the masses, especially the young masses.

A recent Newsweek article titled "Gone Bad?" analyzed how the behavior of certain young, female celebrities is impacting young girls. Checking into rehab, learning pole dancing for a movie role, parking a car on a Los Angeles freeway, passing out in hotels, partying without wearing underwear: these are just a few examples the article cites of stars' wild antics.

For most people, these actions are simply dismissed as being typical of the Hollywood culture. But for young girls, who are much more vulnerable to the influences of popular culture, these behaviors are not so easily ignored. If girls do not have strong, wholesome influences in their lives, then the media will be the main influence in their lives. And what is the media covering? The crazy lives of rich and famous socialites and celebrities.

A Newsweek poll said that 77 percent of Americans

believe these celebrities "have too much influence on young girls". These young, famous women, even if they don't realize it and even if they have the best intentions, are leading girls into an oversexed lifestyle in which the norm is provocative clothing, substance abuse, careless carousing and unhealthy relationships.

On our snow day on Tuesday, as I was watching the school closings come across the screen, a talk show came on about this exact phenomenon in our culture. Several parents brought their daughters, some as young as nine, on the show because they were living a similar lifestyles as out-of-control celebrities.

A nine-year-old wearing belly shirts? A 14-year-old partying excessively? Who knows how many others young girls are out there following these trends.

It's particularly alarming because women have such great power in raising the moral standards of society. When a woman respects herself, others around her respect her, too. Just imagine how different the world would be if women respected themselves and men respected women.

In order for girls to grow up into mature, responsible young women who value themselves and others, who carry themselves with integrity, they need their parents to show them the way.

Parents have a natural instinct to protect their children from the negative influences that could lead them to a life of destruction. And they should follow that instinct because it's their responsibility to do their best to counter the negative influences that are so present in modern culture. If only all parents realized how much a role they play in their children's lives.

So what's a parent to do? Well, although I'm not a parent, it seems like common sense: protect kids from things that will lead them to wrongdoing. And that especially

"These young, famous women, even if they don't realize it and even if they have the best intentions, are leading girls into an oversexed lifestyle..."

includes guarding them from the strong sexual content in the media and being a strong role model for them. This should not be an effort to over-protect, but an effort to offer them a healthy understanding of sexuality when the age is appropriate; a healthy understanding that their sexuality is extremely sacred, valuable and should not be misused.

The Newsweek article cited a study published by the Journal Pediatrics that reported "55 percent of teens who were exposed to a lot of sexual material had intercourse by the age of 16, compared with only 6 percent of teens who rarely saw sexual imagery in the media."

Good parenting is essential to combat negative images.

In the meantime, these young celebrities need to stop their destructive behavior. They are by no means bad people, but some of things they do are not only directly harming themselves, but can be indirectly harming kids, too.

Everyone owes it to themselves and to those they love to live a healthy life of a self-respect and respect and true concern for others. People will find that this is really the path to happiness and fulfillment and is ultimately more fun than anything partying hard could ever offer.

Send comments to Lauren Walter at walter@bgsu.edu

Bush must find way out of Iraq



SCOTT RECKER COLUMNIST

According to a recent poll done by Newsweek, 58 percent of voters said they wish President Bush's term was over. This man is the leader of a great nation and he doesn't even hold the respect of the citizens whom he is supposed to represent.

Bush's popularity has plummeted and he knows it. The whole situation of Iraq has backed President Bush into a corner and he realizes it was not even close to a brilliant decision to go to war. He realizes he has not done justice to the presidency and it is brutally noticeable. When being interviewed lately, his eyes scream that he is embarrassed by his poor decisions and the impact they have had among many lives. It seems he has lost his drive and passion about being the commander in chief of The United States of America. The eye of the tiger has left him and there is no hunger for politics left in his soul.

Did he expect to invade Iraq and be greeted with open arms by the country after the initial

victory? I'm 20 years old and have never been in the military, but I realize what happens when you try to change people who do not seek change themselves. When someone sticks their nose in places it does not belong, retaliation tends to occur. It makes us look stupid as Americans because it seems we haven't learned from Vietnam.

If our government keeps trying to imperialize all of these countries and make them think how we do eventually, we will push someone's buttons too far and destruction will occur. Now Iran's fuse for our controlling countries has seemed to dwindle dangerously close to explosion. The hate of America is spreading and countries are starting to stand up to the bully.

Our occupation of Iraq right now is no more necessary than Britain's control of us during the Revolutionary War. This is not a "good war" like World War II was. We cannot identify the enemy with all of the factions and our goal of what is trying to be accomplished is unclear. No wonder why the support rate for this war is under 40 percent among the American population.

The worst part of Bush's presidency is the fact that he has not only lost the respect of the majority of Americans, but it seems

he has lost respect of many high ranking government officials.

An article written by the Associated Press entitled "House passes Iraq resolution critical of Bush" talks more in depth about this notion. The article states, "The Democratic-controlled House issued a symbolic rejection of President Bush's plan to deploy more troops in Iraq on Friday, opening an epic confrontation between Congress and commander in chief over an unpopular war that has taken the lives of more than 3,100 troops."

Lives are being lost in Iraq and we have nothing to show for it except lost dollars and dead bodies. An exit strategy is needed, and the sooner the better. Bring the troops home, but while they are in Iraq they need the best supplies we can give them. Hopefully more 20-year-old soldiers will not suffer and die because of one man's horrible mistake. So please Mr. Bush, either find a way to get out of the corner you have been stuck in for quite some time now or hand in your resignation. I believe it is safe to say that Bush is the worst president the United States has ever seen.

Send comments to Scott Recker at recker@bgsu.edu

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BGSU/UT APICS Case Competition Team Places Second

On February 16-17, Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo APICS student chapters joined together to travel to Chicago for the Region 14's Student Case Competition. Doing an outstanding job representing the Toledo APICS Chapter and both schools were BGSU students Chad Schulze, Seth Ream, Chris Hoover, Katy Noel, Lindsay Mauldin and Amanda Braddock, as well as UT students Chad Wilcox and Erin Barranco.

This combined team brought a diverse set of skills and experiences that proved to be a winning combination. Out of the 140 plus participants representing 20 schools at the graduate and

undergraduate level on 18 different teams, the BGSU/UT team placed second! The only team to score better was a group of 12 MBA and PhD students from Wichita State University. The margin of victory was so minute the judges would not release the final scores. As a result of the second place finish, BGSU/UT received prize money and the opportunity to attend the APICS International Conference and Exhibition in Denver on October 21-23, 2007 as APICS Scholars! Congratulations!

The event is structured with an opening at 7:00 Friday night, with a mini-case discussion at 8 p.m. with all the APICS professional members assisting the students. At 9 p.m., the students are given the actual case for the competition and a deadline of 11 am Saturday morning. In other words, the BGSU/UT team stayed

up all night drafting and revising their case analysis: a three-page summary, "value stream map" Excel sheet, and PowerPoint presentation.

To clarify, all the teams worked on the same case study about an insurance firm's problem with handling claims. In short, an incoming document would be touched by 14 people and travel between 3 floors before it was processed by an adjuster. The business had roughly 4,500 new claims each day, a serious problem in regards to labor, time, and capital resource efficiency. All the teams presented their work after lunch Saturday, the results were tabulated and winners were announced at 4:30. All the participating teams are given a certificate and prize money to take back to their student chapters.

BGSU participated in the

event for the first time in 2006, where we tied for third place out of 17 teams. Since the event is structured for a first and a second place winner with all other participants tied for third, we returned to campus happy with the experience. To encourage UT's APICS chapter to attend, we invited any interested members to join us for this year's event. The Toledo APICS professional chapter, the parent chapter for both our schools, sponsored our team by covering out entrance fees.

Due to the growing success of this annual Region 14 event, APICS included a case competition for the first time at their International Conference and Exhibition in Orlando last October. The competition was coordinated with the APICS Scholars Program, an APICS E&R Foundation program for APICS

student. The Scholars program encourages students to attend by providing a stipend and hotel accommodations in exchange for student assistance with the many behind the scenes tasks needed to successfully orchestrate a conference. The 2006 Scholars were randomly split into teams to analyze and present their findings at the last day of the conference. BGSU students Matt Corsi, Brad Cramer, and Kim Richer, as well as Jon Shadle from UT were selected as Scholars and participated in this program. The student case competition proved to be such a success with the over 2,000 professionals in attendance that APICS has been busy ever since making plans to expand and fine tune the program for their 2007 International Conference in Denver this October.

A result of the plans is to hold case competitions on the East and West coast, as well as this Midwest/Chicago competition. APICS representatives from New York and California were on hand to observe the process, help judge, and take it back to their districts for competitions later this spring. The top two teams from each of the three events get to designate 5 team members to compete in Denver this October—all expenses paid as APICS Scholars! A special thanks to the Toledo APICS Chapter for sponsoring the team's participation in the event. And, with the BGSU/UT victory the hard part is now determining who will be able to make the trip...

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Measuring up to math and science

By Julie Carr Smyth
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Don't be afraid, Ohioans. It's only math and science.

That would be the message of a multiyear public awareness campaign that was among recommendations yesterday by a panel studying ways to improve the state's high-tech future.

The panel of educators, scientists, engineers and employers concluded after more than a year of research that Ohioans are just plain phobic about science and math. And it's carrying over to their kids, which is carrying over to their teachers, which is carrying over to the job market.

Ohioans have a love-hate relationship with math and the sciences, the advisory committee showed in a report to Gov. Ted Strickland, the state School Board and the Board of Regents that oversees public colleges and universities.

In 2004, 78 percent of residents surveyed said high schools should try to prepare all students for college. Two years later, only 55 percent thought so.



Ted Strickland
oversaw report on Ohioans' relationship with math and science.

Conversely, less than half of Ohioans surveyed in 2004 favored requiring algebra, biology and chemistry in school. Two years later, a majority said four years of math and three years of science should be mandatory.

Launching a public awareness campaign to explain the value of math and science to Ohio's economic future — and telling parents to encourage their children in these areas — would be just the first step to solving the problem.

"I think a lot of people didn't come up through an education system where math and science was approachable," Ohio State University President Karen Holbrook said yesterday. "They just simply weren't introduced to it."

The advisory committee, co-chaired by Holbrook and retired NASA Glenn director Julian Earls, recommended a dozen other actions.

City forensics under audit

By Joe Milicia
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — An ongoing audit of the city's crime lab accuses a fired forensic analyst of following poor procedures but provides no evidence that he intentionally misled juries with his testimony, an Associated Press review of records showed.

"I haven't sent them [prosecutors] a single thing that made me think they better act on this," said Jim Wooley, a former assistant U.S. attorney who is leading the audit.

The audit concludes that forensic analyst Joseph Serowik — whose work has been questioned by the Innocence Project — routinely failed to record data to back up his results and at times demonstrated a lack of understanding of the evidence he presented on the witness stand.

So far, the audit has covered 34 rape and murder convictions dating to 1987, according to city records the AP accessed through a public records request. The results of the audit, which began in 2004, had not yet been reported.

The Innocence Project, which works on behalf of criminals whose convictions have been challenged as unfair, said more

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Jim Wooley

analysis is needed because the audit didn't include the retesting of DNA evidence. The project last month requested new trials for two defendants whose murder cases were reviewed.

"Until you conduct in many of these cases the actual testing ... you can't reach scientific conclusions about what he [Serowik] did or did not do," Innocence Project co-director Barry Scheck said. The group earlier had accused Serowik of either missing important evidence or lying to juries.

The review in Cleveland is among several that have been conducted around the country. A crime lab audit in Houston revealed that employees botched analyses and taught themselves scientific technique by reading books at home. At least one conviction was overturned.



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ICE RACING: CSnowmobile tracks are visible on the frozen Turkeyfoot Lake on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, in New Franklin, Ohio.

Speeding across the ice

PORTAGE LAKES, Ohio (AP) — When the water at Portage Lakes State Park freezes over, the complaints about illegal ice racing heat up.

Park officials say they understand nearby residents' frustration with the noisy late night races but don't have the necessary manpower or equipment to clear the ice every night.

"We want people to enjoy winter sports on the lake. But we also want them to observe the law," regional park manager Bruce Carpenter said. "They have to be off the ice by 11 p.m., but we get complaints that the vehicles are out on the ice at 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning. And that's in the middle of the

week. It's bigger and louder on the weekends."

The park, 12 miles south of Akron, permits ice fishing and skating during daylight, but when darkness falls, dozens of snowmobiles and ATVs crowd the frozen chain of lakes to race.

Neighbors complain about the noise, but Carpenter's staff of five full-time rangers can do little to police the park's 2,520 acres of water and stop them. The rangers' lone ATV is no match for the racers' high-powered snowmobiles and ATVs with studded tires.

Also, safety concerns relegate Carpenter's rangers to the shoreline, where they try to nab racers as they leave the lakes.

Landfill in Northeast is getting raunchy

COLUMBUS (AP) — A smelly landfill in northeast Ohio that has been named a top priority by the state Environmental Protection Agency has an underground metal fire that has caused nearby trash to smolder, according to an expert on landfill fires.

Abnormally high temperatures, the release of hydrogen gas and carbon monoxide and a 30-foot settlement in part of the landfill indicate fire, said Todd Thalhamer, the California-based expert who made recommendations released Friday by the

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA brought him in after a pilot claimed last month that his aerial thermal images of the landfill in August and December showed a growing underground fire at the Countywide Recycling & Disposal Facility in southern Stark County.

Thalhamer, of the California Integrated Waste Management Board, an agency of that state's EPA, reviewed 700 pages of data and reports, toured the landfill and spoke with landfill officials from owner Republic Waste

Services of Ohio earlier this month.

The 258-acre landfill, one of the largest in Ohio, has been producing foul-smelling odors for months. Tim Vandersall, general manager of the landfill, has said he doesn't believe there's a fire but a chemical reaction of aluminum waste and water.

Vandersall said Friday the landfill is safe and will be treated the same whether the hot spot is a fire or a reaction.

"As I've said for six months, it doesn't matter what you call it," he said.

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Bombs aboard train, sparks fire killing 66

By Matthew Rosenberg
The Associated Press

DEWANA, India — Leaders of India and Pakistan pressed ahead yesterday with their peace process, hours after twin bombs — apparently intended to disrupt their relations — sparked a fire that killed 66 people aboard a train that links the two rivals.

The fire destroyed two coaches on the Samjhauta Express, about an hour after the train left New Delhi on its way to the Pakistan border. Officials said the attack was timed ahead of the arrival of Pakistani Foreign Minister Khurshed Kasuri, who was expected today in the Indian capital.

"This is an attempt to derail the improving relationship between India and Pakistan," Railway Minister Laloo Prasad told reporters.

Pakistan quickly decided

the attack, and Indian officials took pains to avoid laying any quick blame.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh declared his country's "abhorrence for this heinous terrorist act," and expressed his condolences by telephone to Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz, according to Singh's office. Most of the dead were Pakistani.

India will do "everything possible to ensure that its perpetrators are punished," the statement said.

A Home Ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the investigation, said no suspects had been ruled out — from Kashmiri separatists to Hindu extremists.

Speaking to India's CNN-IBN television, Kasuri called the bombing a "terrible act of terrorism" and said "the peace process must go on with greater vigor and greater determination."



CRYING OUT: A survivor reacts immediately after a pair of bombs exploded on a train headed to Pakistan, sparking a fire that swept through two coaches and killed at least 66 people.

Engine failure to blame for fatal U.S. helicopter crash

By Noor Khan
The Associated Press

SHAHJOI, Afghanistan — Eight U.S. troops were killed and 14 wounded when a military helicopter crashed Sunday in southeastern Afghanistan after reporting engine failure, the U.S.-led coalition said in a statement.

The CH-47 Chinook helicopter was carrying 22 passengers and had a "sudden, unexplained loss of power and control and crashed," the statement said.

"It was not enemy fire related," said Col. Tom Collins, spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force. "The pilot was able to radio in that he was having engine problems. We're confident it was not due to enemy action."

The helicopter crashed in the Shahjoi district of Zabul province, about 50 yards from the main high-

way between Kabul and Kandahar, and appeared to be destroyed and scattered in several pieces.

U.S. and Afghan military blocked reporters from entering the crash site.

The incident Sunday was the first U.S. military helicopter crash since May 2006, when a CH-47 Chinook helicopter that attempted a nighttime landing on a small mountaintop crashed in eastern Kunar province, killing 10 U.S. soldiers.

In 2005, a U.S. helicopter crashed in Kunar after apparently being hit by a rocket-propelled grenade, killing 16 American troops.

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Peace summit raises more questions

By Anne Gearan
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A Mideast peace summit designed to open a new chapter for Israelis and Palestinians fed up with violence concluded yesterday with no new agreements and a pledge to keep talking.

The United States, which had pushed for the session, said it was an accomplishment merely to hold such a get-together for the first time in six years. After two hours of talks with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice stood alone in a bare-bones hotel function room to call the session "useful and productive."

The prospect of any immediate success here essentially was hijacked by Abbas' surprise announcement last week that he will govern hand-in-hand with the militant group Hamas. The United States and Israel list Hamas as a



HATEM MOUSSA / AP PHOTO

COVERED UP: Masked Palestinian men march during a protest to demand jobs in the Palestinian security forces in Gaza City on Sunday. Israel and the U.S. agreed ahead of a Mideast summit to shun any new Palestinian government that does not renounce violence, recognize Israel and accept existing peace agreements. Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Sunday.

terrorist group and refuse all dealings with the group.

Speaking to reporters, Rice said the meeting was particularly valuable, however, in light of the lingering uncertainties over Abbas' pact with Hamas.

"I think the real value here is

that they sat down to talk with each other pretty early in this process," Rice said.

"I could have made the decision that, well, I'll just wait until this all sorts out," Rice said, but she said that could have created new obstacles.

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SIDELINES



GYMNASTICS

Bernhardt honored for performance against Kent State

BG's Jacquie Bernhardt (above) has been chosen as gymnastic's Specialist of the Week in the Mid-American Conference. She is receiving this award after her team fell to undefeated Kent State, 193.700-192.225 on Sunday.

SCHEDULE

TODAY

Women's basketball:
at Kent State; 7 p.m.

OUR CALL

On the way up

Tom Brady: It's been revealed that the two-time Super Bowl MVP is the father of ex-girlfriend Bridget Moynahan's baby. Even this guy's sperm is strong under pressure.

On the way down

Michael Irvin: The outspoken Irvin has been given the boot from television (for now, but we can only hope forever) after ESPN announced it would not renew his contract. Now who is Tom Jackson going to call retarded on air?

The List

BG men's basketball coach Dan Dakich had some pretty harsh/justified/true words for officials following the fiasco in Buffalo. In honor of Dakich's ability to say what needs to be said, here are the five most memorable press conference meltdowns.

1. The threat: After his Temple Owls lost by a single point to John Calipari's UMass squad, coach John Chaney charges into a press conference and informs Calipari he will "kill his (expletive) ass." Chaney has since retired with zero known kills to his credit.

2. Playoffs?: Colts coach Jim Mora has had a long day, and a reporter asking about the playoffs didn't help the situation, as Mora begins to question the word "playoffs."

3. Monday night meltdown: After the Cardinals blew a late lead to the Bears on Monday Night Football, Green states "the Bears are who we thought they were," knocks over the microphone and departs.

4. To win the game...: Former Jets coach Herm Edwards clarifies why people play football.

5. More practice: Colorado football coach Dan Hawkins responds to an anonymous letter with an elegant address about the importance of practice.

Aquatic accolades

Keating, Yee named first team All-MAC as swimmers finish sixth

By Andrew Harner
Reporter

Two BG swimmers were named to the Mid-American Conference first team in the same year for the first time in the school's history as the Falcons eclipsed two school records and finished the MAC Championships in sixth place.

"I think everyone did really well," said Alisha Yee, a member of the swim team. "Everyone went in and did what they could do."

Senior co-captain Caroline Keating and sophomore Yee were the two Falcons named to

BY THE NUMBERS

2 - All-MAC swimmers

4 - Top five relay finishes

25 - Individual finalists

335 - Total points scored by the Falcons

1:44.94 - New BG record in the 200-medley relay

7:30.44 - New BG record in the 800-freestyle relay

either All-MAC team. "This was Yee's first selection and Keating had been named to the second team twice.

"I was happy and surprised," Yee said. "It's an honor."

"They are very deserving," said assistant coach Mark Howard. "Those girls have put forth an amazing effort all year."

The team came out strong on the first day of the meet, which is strictly relays. The 200-yard medley team — Yee, Meg Richardson, Michael Carriaga and Frankie Houck, finished in third place. Their time of 1:44.94 surpassed the school record of 1:45.87 from 1992.

The 800-yard freestyle team — Keating, Jen Wright, Yee, and Sami Jordan (7:30.44), didn't finish in the medals, but beat the 1990 school record (7:33.3)

by almost three seconds.

"The girls on the relays swam amazingly fast," Howard said. "It was like they were shot from a canon."

"[Breaking two records] was really exciting for me because I was on both relays," Yee said.

On day two, it was Yee and Keating that led the scoring for the Falcons, each garnering a fifth place finish. Several Falcons set new personal records. In the 200-yard individual medley both Kim Albin (2:08.81) and Carriaga (2:07.76) bested their previous season-high times.

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Kent State edges BG gymnasts

By Adam Miezyn
Reporter

For the second consecutive weekend, BG's gymnastics team missed a chance to place itself among the elite in the MAC.

For the second straight week, it was a near miss.

The Falcons lost to Kent State on Sunday afternoon, 193.700-192.225. It marked the first time the Falcons failed to improve on the previous week's number — they scored a 192.775 last weekend.

BG was left feeling they had their chance to win slip away.

"I think we had a sub-par performance based on my expectations," said coach Dan Connelly. "I was pleased with the finish on the floor but the rest of the meet was average. The beam was our downfall and that was below average."

The meet began on the vault for the Falcons and Jacquie Bernhardt got the team off to a great start by winning the event with a score of 9.800. Jenna Wirtanen scored a 9.725, a career best, and finished tied for third.

A letdown in the bars event hurt the team's overall score as only Sakura Tomita finished in the top scorers. Her 9.775 gave her a tie for second, but Jhleen Ponce also turned in a new season high with a score of 9.650.

The beam event gave the Falcons a chance to cut the lead down and they were able to score their second highest team score of the season (47.650). Bethany Kenel led the team with a score of 9.775 and Katie Follett also got a new career best with a 9.750 to give the Falcons some depth in the event. Megan Chronister's score of 9.650 gave the Falcons another career best in the event.

"If we can all hit on beam and bars, we will be unbeatable," said gymnast Allison Swafford. "We have the best team in the MAC but we just need to be more consistent in these events. If we stay on track and peak at the MAC Championships, we should be right up there."

In the final event, the Falcons performed their best on the floor. They set a new team best for the season with a 48.500 in the event with Swafford leading the way with a 9.750 — good enough for second.

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An ending Ricky Bobby would love

By Jim Litke
The Associated Press

The first 150 laps of the Daytona 500 was like watching drivers circle the lot at the grocery store politely waiting for parking spots to open up.

Then the sun went down, a full moon popped up and everybody started behaving like the Wolfman — suddenly in a hurry and only too eager to mix it up.

The last 50 laps featured five wrecks, all involving multiple cars, and small wonder. There was no room. With three dozen circuits left, the top 20 were separated by a second. With six laps to go, the field was as tightly packed as it was at the start.

At the finish, as car parts, smoke and sparks flew through the air behind them like the climactic chase scene from "The Road Warrior," Kevin Harvick



CHRIS O'MEARA | AP PHOTO

SMASH-UP: NASCAR driver Kevin Harvick, lower left, and Mark Martin, lower right, battle for the finish line as a multi-car crash happens behind them during the Daytona 500 race Sunday afternoon Feb. 18, 2007 at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. Harvick won the race.

and Mark Martin were racing side by side at around 200 mph separated by the length of a car hood. Seconds later, providing a perfect exclamation point, Clint Bowyer skidded across the line with his car upside

down — and on fire.

The guys calling the race on Fox, with decades of NASCAR experience between them, scoured their collective mem-

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Wisconsin, Ohio State at top of Monday's AP Top 25

By Ralph D. Russo
The Associated Press

Get ready for another 1 vs. 2 showdown in the Big Ten — this time on the hardwood.

Wisconsin was the new No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 poll yesterday and Big Ten rival Ohio State was not far behind at No. 2.

The Badgers (26-2, 12-1), on top of the poll for the first time in school history, play the Buckeyes (24-3, 12-1) in Columbus on Sunday — just a bit more than three months after Ohio State and Michigan played a much-hyped 1 vs. 2 football game at Ohio Stadium.

Florida's 83-70 loss at Vanderbilt on Saturday snapped the Gators' 17-game winning streak and dropped them from the top spot in the media poll for the second time this season.

"Back to reality" for NBA All-Stars

By Brian Mahoney
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Time for Allen Iverson, Pat Riley, Steve Nash and the rest of the NBA to get back to work.

Jason Kidd, too, though even he wasn't sure how much longer he'll be doing it in New Jersey.

The show is over in Las Vegas, where the NBA capped its week-end of All-Star festivities with the West's victory over the East on Sunday night.

Now it's time to get serious again.

"Being in Vegas, it's a great place to be, a great place to chill," Minnesota's Kevin Garnett said. "But it's out with the fantasy and back to reality."

That means trade talk for some teams, playoff pushes for others. It all gets started tonight when play resumes with 10 games. Riley returns to Miami's bench the following night, and the next big event on the league's calendar comes quickly after that.

The trade deadline is Thursday, with Pau Gasol and Kidd among the big names who will wait to see if they have a new destination. Gasol has asked out of Memphis and the Grizzlies are trying to accommodate him, while Kidd, who missed the All-Star game because of a back injury, acknowledged during the break that teams have asked about getting him out of New Jersey.

In the East, landing one proven star could be all a team needs to seize control in a mediocre conference. Teams in the West could be looking to deal for a better chance to compete with powerful Dallas and Phoenix.

Denver hoped it had done that when it acquired Iverson from Philadelphia in December to pair with Carmelo Anthony, but the results haven't been there yet, mostly because the duo hasn't been on the court enough. Anthony was serving his 15-game suspension when Iverson was acquired, and Iverson missed eight of the last nine games because of a sprained ankle.

So despite having two of the NBA's top five scorers, Denver is only seventh in the West, two games ahead of the ninth-place Clippers. But Anthony thinks the Nuggets are ready to make their move.

"Now that this is over with, I can focus on my season, the rest of the season," Anthony said after the All-Star game. "A.I. told me today he'd be ready to play Tuesday, so that was a good sign."

"We need some wins. This first half of the season was rocky for us. Hopefully we can put that behind us and get better."

Nash joined Iverson on the West bench because of a shoulder injury that forced him to miss the last four games, though hopes to return tonight. The Suns couldn't keep up their sizzling pace without their two-time MVP, losing three times to fall 4 1/2 games behind Dallas for the league's best record.

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"I ran around with the foam finger, blowing the horn and throwing the confetti for about a minute."

Bo Ryan | Wisconsin Coach

Wisconsin, which was No. 3 last week, leapfrogged second-ranked Ohio State to become the fourth No. 1 team this season, and 52nd different school to hold the top spot in the history of the AP poll.

For the Badgers and coach Bo Ryan, there's not much time to celebrate their new lofty status, not with a game at Michigan State on tonight.

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE TOP 25 AP RANKINGS

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 18, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Record Pts

1. Duke (50) 28-0 1,250
2. Tennessee 24-2 1,190
3. Connecticut 24-2 1,129
4. North Carolina 26-2 1,116
5. Ohio St. 24-2 977
6. Maryland 25-4 957
7. LSU 23-4 947
8. Stanford 23-4 869
9. George Washington 23-2 846
10. Arizona St. 25-3 829
11. Georgia 23-5 770
12. Vanderbilt 23-4 665
13. Oklahoma 20-4 629
14. Baylor 23-4 609
15. Purdue 23-5 532
16. Texas A&M 20-5 498
17. Middle Tennessee 24-3 465
18. **Bowling Green 24-2 437**
19. Marquette 22-4 304
20. Michigan St. 21-6 300
21. Rutgers 17-7 256
22. James Madison 24-2 157
23. Louisville 22-5 107
24. Wis.-Green Bay 21-3 102
25. Nebraska 21-6 90



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In the 50-yard freestyle, three of BG's swimmers posted new record times — Jordan (24.25), Richardson (24.27) and Houck (24.32) all set new PR's.

"Every best time is a success," Howard said. "It's rewarding for the girls to work hard months at a time and swim a race for roughly one minute and go a best time."

"It's good to see my teammates get what they want and what they deserve," Yee said.

The Falcons shined on day three, finishing in the top 10-six times. Jordan led the way with a PR and a third place finish in the 100-yard backstroke (57.46). Yee (57.67) finished sixth in the same race. Keating (1:55.36) and Carriaga (57.53) also finished sixth in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly respectively.

On day four, the Falcons watched as Eastern Michigan

repeated as MAC champions, but BG had its own achievements to be proud of, including three PR's and eight top 10 finishes.

Yee swam to a PR time and a fourth place finish in the 200-yard backstroke (2:03.86) and Keating finished seventh in the mile (17:30.33).

Jordan (52.75) and Wright (52.85) both recorded PR's in the 100-yard freestyle.

Senior co-captain Brit O'Connor surprised her coaches in her final meet by making finals in both the 100 and 200-yard backstrokes.

"She swam faster than she had since her freshman year," Howard said. "It brought a lot of excitement to the girls."

Despite coming up short at the end, no one is terribly disappointed at the how the season turned out.

"It was hard for us all season because we only won one meet," Yee said. "But, we worked with what we had and every single person on our team counted."

GYM

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Bernhardt set a career record with a 9.725 in the event while three gymnasts — Morgan Balzer, Chronister and Kenel, all tied for sixth with scores of 9.625.

"We have consistently improved on floor each meet this year and that has been our strength," Connelly said. "At the beginning of the year, we were weak at floor but we now have it as our strength. Balance beam will be the key to our success and whether we can compete with these teams."

For the first time all season, the Falcons will step away

from the MAC and travel to Missouri for The CAT Classic in Columbia. The team will then have a week off, followed by a trip to Texas. A month from now, the team will be getting ready to host the All-Ohio's and compete for a MAC Championship.

"We need to stay consistent and get better at [the] beam [in] the next three weeks," Connelly said. "These next couple of weeks are all tune-ups for the MAC Championship and we would like to be at our best then."

"The key for us will be to stay focused," Swafford said. "We have fun meets the next couple of weeks but we have to get better and not get off course."



KEVORK DJANSEZIAN / AP PHOTO

SEEING STARS: Eastern player Shaquille O'Neal of the Miami Heat plays the role of a guard as Western player Mehmet Okur of the Utah Jazz defends during NBA All-Star basketball game in Las Vegas on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007.

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The Heat already know their big piece is ready.

Riley is set to take the coaching reins back from Ron Rothstein when Miami visits Houston on Wednesday night. He returns to a team that looks much different from the one he left on Jan. 3 to have knee and hip surgery.

Shaquille O'Neal has since come back and the Heat have won seven of their last eight games, rebounding from a horrendous start and moving into eighth place in the Eastern Conference. The defending NBA champions are only four games behind Washington in the Southeast Division.

"We wanted at the beginning of the year to come out of the blocks strong but it wasn't scripted that way," Dwyane Wade said. "So we have to take what we have and go into the second half of the season, and hopefully Jason Williams gets back healthy and we have all our guns and we have our coach back and just try to defend our title. It's going to be very tough and whatever happens, we can say we all did it together."

The Heat still have plenty of time to move up in the East, where Detroit has looked like the class of the conference since signing Chris Webber. Even teams such as Atlanta and New York, both coming off dismal seasons and well below .500 in this one, still have playoff hopes heading into the final two months.

The West has four teams right behind Garnett's Timberwolves for the final playoff spot, but it's hard to imagine any of the teams at the bottom doing any damage in the playoffs since they'd have to face the Mavs or Suns right away.

But teams like Utah and Houston could be dangerous second-round foes, especially if injured All-Stars Carlos Boozer and Yao Ming make successful comebacks.

That can wait. There's enough to keep the NBA busy Thursday — trades during the day and an NBA finals rematch in Dallas that night.

"Obviously we have a lot of work to do," the Mavs' Dirk Nowitzki said. "We have a big game on Thursday, so it should be fun."

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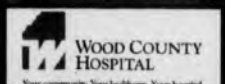
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AWKWARD: New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady is shown in this June 12, 2005, file photo arriving with his girlfriend, actress Bridget Moynahan, at team owner Robert Kraft's home in Brookline, Mass. The couple broke up in December 2006 after three years of dating. Moynahan is more than three months pregnant and Brady is the father, Moynahan's publicist confirmed in a statement to The Associated Press yesterday.

Ex-girlfriend pregnant with Brady's baby

By Mark Jewell

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Actress Bridget Moynahan, former girlfriend of New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, is pregnant and Brady is the father, Moynahan's publicist said yesterday.

The glamorous pair split up late last year after a three-year relationship. Brady, a two-time Super Bowl MVP, has since been seen with lingerie model Gisele Bündchen, and media outlets have reported the two are dating.

A Dec. 15 statement by Moynahan's publicist said Moynahan and Brady parted ways several weeks earlier.

Yesterday, Moynahan's publicist, Christina Papadopoulos, said in a statement to The Associated Press that the actress "is over three months pregnant. Former boyfriend Tom Brady is the father."

"Privacy and consideration is appreciated at this time," the statement said. "No further comments will be made."

The pregnancy was first reported by the New York Post on Sunday. The Post quoted Papadopoulos as saying the actress was feeling "healthy and excited."

Messages left by The Associated Press with Brady's agent, Donald Yee, were not returned yesterday.

Patriots spokesman Stacey James told the AP: "I think it would be inappropriate to comment."

Moynahan, 35, has appeared in films such as "Coyote Ugly," "I, Robot" and the ABC television series "Six Degrees."

Brady, 29, who has led the Patriots to three NFL titles, was named one of People magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People" in 2002.

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ory banks to come up with an ending nearly this wild.

One referenced "Joey Chitwood," the daredevil who performed death-defying auto stunts beginning in the 1940s, and whose best work is still available on youtube.com. Another nominated the 1979 Daytona 500, when Cale Yarborough and Donnie Allison locked up in a final-lap battle, spun into the infield, started throwing insults and then punches as Allison's brother, Bobby, pulled over and joined the fray. The fight garnered so much attention that a nation watching the first-ever live broadcast of a 500-mile race barely noticed Richard Petty making up a half-lap deficit and sneaking across the finish line.

Grand as that race was, driver-turned-broadcaster Darrell Waltrip came up with an even better one.

"This finish," he said, recalling last year's NASCAR-inspired hit comedy, "It's Ricky Bobby." It couldn't have been any better."

Nor better-timed.

Think back to the events of last week, when NASCAR czar Brian France gave his upbeat state-of-the-sport address. He boasted about new TV partners, new sponsors, a new carmaker coming on-board to challenge America's Big Three and the additional responsibilities all that money rolling in would place on the people who make the sport go.

Then an hour or so later, his handlers announced four teams caught cheating would lose their crew chiefs for Sunday's race. A fifth team, headed by owner-driver Michael Waltrip, was busted the following day. That may have been the most embarrassing development of all, since he was fronting for new series-entrant Toyota, a manufacturer that knew little about NASCAR's notorious past and liked seeing its reputation smudged with oil even less.

The funny thing is that hijinks have been on the way out the last half-dozen or so years, as NASCAR embarked on an NFL-style expansion plan, growing more homogeneous than home-spun, more choreographed than chaotic in the bargain.

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So Ryan held his own 60-second celebration at home, with a big foam "We're No. 1" finger he took from his kids, a party favor and a handful of paper torn into confetti.

"I ran around with the foam finger, blowing the horn and throwing the confetti for about a minute," Ryan said with a laugh. "Then I went back into my office and watched the DVD of a very good Iowa team losing by 30 to Michigan State."

The Badgers received 35 first-place votes and 1,747 points. Ohio State got 31 first-place votes and 1,728 points. No. 3 Florida received four first-place votes and No. 4 UCLA got two.

"I'm really happy for the players and the university," Ryan said. "It says something about the work that's been put in, not just this year but over the years. That's the reward."

"It does make a great statement for the program."

For the Big Ten, it's the first time the league best known for its football has had the top two teams in the AP basketball poll. The last time the same conference had Nos. 1 and 2 was last season, when the Big East had Connecticut at No. 1 and Villanova No. 2 in the second-to-last poll.

The last 1 vs. 2 game was also last season. No. 1 Duke defeated No. 2 Texas 97-66 at the Meadowlands in New Jersey on Dec. 10, 2005.

The Blue Devils returned to the rankings at No. 18 after a one-week absence. A four-game losing streak ended an 11-year run in the Top 25 for Duke. The Blue Devils were ranked in 200 straight polls, the second-longest streak ever.

But last week Duke beat Boston College on the road and Georgia Tech at home and the voters rewarded the Blue Devils.

The bottom of the rankings received a major shake-up as teams ranked 18-25 last week went 3-13.

Vanderbilt, Texas, Louisville, BYU and Virginia also moved into the Top 25. For Louisville, which beat two ranked teams — Pittsburgh and Marquette — on the road, and BYU, it's the first time this season they've been ranked. The Cougars haven't been in the Top 25 since March 1993.

Dropping out were Oklahoma State, Virginia Tech, Kentucky, Boston

College, Indiana and Southern California.

Duke's Atlantic Coast Conference rival and Tobacco Road neighbor, North Carolina, slipped a spot to No. 5 after a 1-1 week. Kansas jumped three spots to No. 6.

Memphis, Texas A&M, Washington State and Pittsburgh rounded out the top 10.

The Badgers and Buckeyes will not only be playing for the No. 1 ranking Sunday, but also for the inside track to a Big Ten regular-season title.

Alando Tucker, who has seven consecutive 20-point games and is a leading candidate for national player of the year, and the Badgers defeated Ohio State 72-69 last month in Madison.

"If there is a player who was ever responsible for his team being ranked No. 1, it's Alando Tucker," Ryan said. "If there is an MVP, it's him."

The Badgers started the season ranked ninth, dipped to 12th and have been on the rise ever since. An experienced team that starts three seniors and two juniors, Wisconsin has already set a school record for victories in a season.

"It's not a bunch of McDonald's All-Americans and five-star recruits," Ryan said. "It's a bunch of guys who paid their dues. This year has been the culmination of a lot of hard work."

The Buckeyes have been in the top 10 all season thanks to one of the best freshmen classes in the country.

Seven-footer Greg Oden leads the team in scoring (15.5) and rebounding (9.5) and is shooting 61 percent from the field with 71 blocked shots in 20 games. Fellow freshmen Mike Conley Jr. (10.1) and Daquan Cook (11.9) combine to average 22 points per game.

No. 11 Nevada leads the second 10 in the Top 25, followed by Georgetown and No. 13 Southern Illinois, which has its highest ranking ever. The Salukis reached No. 15 in March 2004.

Air Force is 14th and Butler, which lost to Southern Illinois on Saturday, dropped two spots to No. 15.

No. 16 Marquette has lost three straight games and slipped four spots.

No. 17 Vanderbilt, Duke, Texas and Louisville round out the top 20.

BYU, West Virginia, Oregon, which fell eight spots to No. 23 after losing twice last week, Virginia and Alabama are the final five.

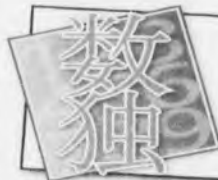
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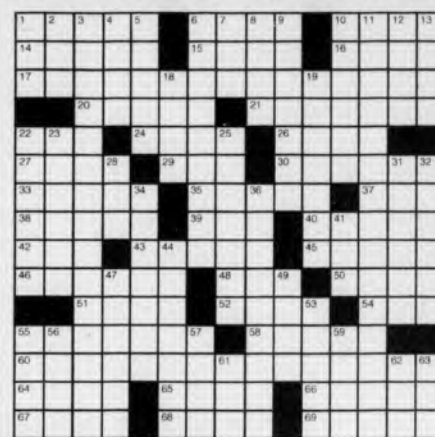
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35 Giggles sound
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69 Tennis champ Monica

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